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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 22nd October, 2015  
Week 2

**Kia Ora** (Maori/NZ), **Hello** (English), **Bula** (Fijian), **Welkom** (South African), **Huān yíng** (Chinese-Mandarin) **Ayubowan, Vanakkam** (Sri Lankan), **Namaste** (India), **Bem-vindos** (Brazil), **Marhaba** (Arabic), **Hallo** (Dutch), **Choum Reap Sour** (Cambodia), **Geiá sou** (Greek), **Mbote, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC**  
**HOLIDAY**

## 2016 SCHOOL YEAR TERM DATES

To help families with planning for 2016, here are the school year term dates.

**PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE TO OUR MID TERM BREAK IN TERM 3.**

Term	2016	Holidays during term time
<b>Term 1</b>	Tue 2 Feb- Fri 15 April (11 weeks)	<u>Week 2</u> Mon 8 Feb- Waitangi Day (Monday)  <u>Weeks 8 &amp; 9</u> <u>Easter</u> Fri 25 March Mon 28 March Tue 29 March
<b>Term 2</b>	Mon 2 May- Fri 8 July (10 weeks)	<u>Week 6</u> Mon 6 June – Queens Birthday
<b>Term 3</b>	Mon 25 July- Fri 23 Sep (9 weeks)	<u>Week 7</u> <b>School Mid Term break</b> <b>Monday 29 August</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Mon 10 Oct- Fri 16 Dec (10 weeks)	<u>Week 3</u> Mon 24 Oct - Labour day

## HAVE A GO ATHLETICS DAY FOR YRS 0-2 ONLY TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2015

### Matawhero and Kōpū Teams

Start at 9:10am finishing at 12:00pm

### Neptune and Orion Teams 3 & 4

Start at 12:10pm finishing at 2:45pm

With our Year 0-2 year students we are developing and sharing their skills through a fun activity based event called the "Have a Go" day. They will be rotated around the following activities:

*High jump, long jump, sprints, quoits, long jump, egg and spoon, high jump, hurdles, cricket ball throw, parachute game*

- Children may arrive at school in their house colours; they can remain in their house colour clothes for the whole day.
- Check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure which house your child belongs in.
- Sports shoes are optional; children may wish to compete in bare feet.
- Te Totara bucket sunhats are compulsory.
- Plenty of lunch and water are important.

### Postponement date is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

If "Have a Go" day is postponed, it will be notified on our Facebook page at 7.30am or via our school website at 8.00am.

## TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:  
**"Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"**
- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings eg. Athletic Sports.
- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house (see below)
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups beforehand.

## HOUSE COLOURS

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>Challenger</b>	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Discovery</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Red</b>

### STAFFING UPDATE

This week we farewell Rebecca Foster, teacher in Neptune 28, who is moving to Rototuna Junior High School. We thank her for her efforts and certainly value the contribution she has made to the children in her class and the School. Rebecca goes with our very best wishes.

We are fortunate that Judi O'Neill, has agreed to teach in Neptune 28. Judi is a regular Guest Teacher at our school and she has been busy preparing for starting next Tuesday.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS CHARTER CONSULTATION

#### When:

**Thursday 22nd October 7.00pm-8.00pm**

**Wednesday 28th October 7.00pm-8.00pm**

#### Where:

Matariki Hall, Te Totara Primary School

#### Who should come?

Any parents and extended families; including Grandparents who are interested in helping with the direction of the school.

#### What will happen?

##### 7.00pm - 7.20pm

Background information on the school, there will be frequent pauses in the presentation to allow for translation time.

##### 7.20pm - 8.00pm

A chance to mingle, add thoughts/ideas, through post it notes on key questions around the hall. Board of Trustees and School Leaders will be there; a chance to catch up and discuss and ask questions about our school.

#### Can I bring anything?

We ask families to bring a plate. This means a plate with some food to share from 7.20m onwards.

*Some information...*

#### **What happens to the information?**

*We will use it to reshape our School Charter for 2016 - 2019. Currently, we have over 100 responses from families and really want to get more to capture the ideas and thoughts from all of our Community.*

#### **What is a Charter?**

*A Charter is an agreement between the Ministry of Education and the school to support school development, our current Charter can be found at...*

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/6-2014-charter>

### LAST NIGHT'S BYO IPAD EVENING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS

Thank you to those families who attended the BYO iPad evening last night. As we spoke about at the meeting, we do have a delay as the filing cabinets have been returned to the supplier to have the required locks fitted. If you have recently dropped an iPad Agreement into the School Office, there will be a delay in confirmation as we are waiting on the return of the lockable cabinets, which will house these devices. Your classroom teacher will advise when it is OK to bring your device into school.

### YUMMY STICKERS

Wow, thanks so much for the Yummy Stickers collected, this has raised **\$1,597.00** worth of vouchers for sports gear in the school. Our Sports Committee are onto this and will spend it on gear which will support our children.

### LATE ARRIVALS – AFTER 8.55AM

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

**Reminder.... school starts at 8.55am.**

## **YEARBOOK 2015 - \$20.00 EACH**

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together and Order Forms will be sent home shortly. **At only \$20.00 per book**, it is a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love pouring over the pages and do so for many years. **Orders Close on Friday 6th November. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

## **PLANNING FOR 2016**

We are beginning to plan for 2016 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students.
- Teachers reflecting on their student's strengths and needs.
- We consider student's needs and ask them for five names of their friends.
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by e-mailing me any factors to consider. Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher.

If you would like to do this, please e-mail Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal, by **Friday 30th October, 2015** at [dp@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:dp@tetotara.school.nz)

## **LEARNING PLAN PARENT COMMENT**

Learning Plans are currently offline for teachers to begin their writing process.

On the Learning Plan is a box titled "Parent Comment". This box gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to comment in a positive manner on the Learning Plan and reflect some goals for your child's learning.

A flyer about this is available from the School Office; it gives you an example of the types of comments which are suitable for this box.

### **HOW WILL MY PARENT COMMENT BE PUT INTO THE PLAN?**

- 1) **Type your comment as a separate word**
- 2) **document and attach it to your e-mail.** It must be less than 500 characters in total (including punctuation and spaces).
- 3) In the subject line of your email type - Parent Comment Attn: Michelle Druett
- 3) Send it to [michelled@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:michelled@tetotara.school.nz)

These comments will appear on the Learning Plans online and hard copy form.

**The last day to submit comments will be Friday 13th November, 2015.**

## **YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL**

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School for 2016 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

It would be appreciated if you could advise the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039. As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive applications in advance. If you haven't made a decision as yet, please also let the School Office know.

## **FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE AND BOOKS**

A coffee cart from Cinnamon Cafe will be outside the school Library on Friday mornings. Come along from 8.00am to get your coffee fix and then pop into the library to get books out for the weekend. The library lends up to six books to parents, and you are welcome to borrow books for your pre-schoolers.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS**

Scholastic Book orders are due by 9.15am on **Friday 23rd October 2015** to the school office please. **Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.**

**REMEMBER....** When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A new easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

## **FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 23rd October, 2015 at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall.**

**Our Milky Way 21 children and our Jump Jam Team will be sharing.**

This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly.

Everyone is welcome.

## JUMP JAM FUNDRAISING RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Prize - Matt Nelson  
2nd Prize - Kerry Schaab  
3rd Prize - Carole Carter-Gregory  
4th Prize - Pat Paterson

***Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our team to get to the National Championships by buying tickets. We really appreciate your support.***

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY - SHUNT ONLINE COURIER SERVICE

Our school is participating in an online courier service for sending parcels anywhere in New Zealand as a fundraiser for our school.

It's all done online in four easy steps and the parcel prices are cheaper than any Postshop or retail courier outlet anywhere in New Zealand.

You still use the same Courier or Postshop that you have always used, except now the tickets are created online and Shunt donates \$1.00 to our school for each parcel everybody sends.

How to use Shunt?

- 1) Go to the website, [www.shunt.co.nz](http://www.shunt.co.nz), Enter your pick up and delivery addresses
- 2) Select a Courier then print a ticket on any A4 printer
- 3) Select our school and enter this promo code each time you book a courier online, **BGM186**
- 3) Click, Book Courier

Anyone can use this online system, so tell your family and friends. You can even link your Trade Me account to make Shunt your Trade Me shipment company, which can be super-easy and economical.

There's no need to buy books of courier tickets or stand in a queue anymore!

## ENVIRO TEAM PROJECTS. CAN YOU HELP?

The Enviro team are working on a few projects this term and we need to gather a few materials. We need:

- Flat river stones
- Old gumboots any size (doesn't have to be a pair)
- Broken terracotta pots (*please include the broken pieces if you still have them*)

If you have any of these things lying around that you would like us to have, please bring them to Mrs Goile in Kōpū 24 (Neptune building).

Thanks from the Enviro Team

## FIRST CREDIT UNION WINTER NEWSLETTER

Check out our school website under newsletters for the latest Spring 2015 Newsletter from First Credit Union.

## SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE, ORDER ONLINE

School lunches will be delivered to our school every day for children's lunches at 12.15pm if ordered by 8.30am daily. How it works:

- Order online anywhere, anytime on any device. **You will receive an email confirming your child's order once you have placed the order.**
- Please make sure you use the correct school and classroom details for your child to have their order delivered to our school, otherwise they may not get a lunch order delivered.
- Healthy food made with love from a team of experienced chefs.
- Affordable solution providing nourishment for your child with ease.
- **Sign-up for a free account now.**



- Visit us online at [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at 12.15PM.



## NETBALL SKIRTS RETURNED PLEASE

Could all Netball Skirts be returned to Miss Leitch in Ra 29 urgently?

Out of six teams, only 15 skirts have been returned so far. They **ALL** need to be returned.

## DATES COMING UP

Thus 22 Oct	Community Meeting Charter Consultation 7.00pm-8.00pm
Mon 26 Oct	SCHOOL CLOSED – LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tues 27 Oct	Jnr Have a Go Day (Yrs 0-2)
Wed 28 Oct	Junior Have a Go Day Postponement Date
Wed 28 Oct	Community Meeting Charter Consultation 7.00pm–8.00pm
Thurs 29 Oct	BOT Mtg @ 6.30pm
Fri 30 Oct	School Disco Yrs 0-2 from 5.00pm – 6.15pm Yrs 3-6 from 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Wed 4 Nov	PTA Christmas Heirloom Company Social Night
Fri 6/Sat 7 Nov	National Jump Jam Finals – Christchurch
Sat 7 Nov	PTA Car Boot Sale
Tues 10 Nov	Senior Athletics (Yrs 3-6)
Wed 11 Nov	Photolife Whole School Photo
Thurs 12 Nov	Snr Athletics Postponement Date
Tues 24 Nov	Cluster Athletics (Y4-6)
Wed 25 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Fri 27 Nov	Learning Plans go home
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers “Thank you” Morning Tea @ 9.00am
Tues 8 Dec	Y6 Leavers Supper
Mon 14 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Tues 15 Dec	EOY Celebration Postponement
Thurs 17 Dec	End of Term @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal

### 2015 PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

25 – 31 Oct Tokelau Language Week



**LUNCHBOX RECIPES**

## MINI FRITTATAS

100g chopped tomatoes  
1 chopped onion  
410g canned corn kernels

2 cloves crushed garlic  
4 eggs  
1/3 C milk  
1/3 C grated Edam cheese

Try these hot or cold!

Divide vegetables evenly across muffin tins. Pour whisked milk and eggs over vegetables. Top with cheese and bake at 180°C for 10 minutes.

Adapted from healthyfoodguide.co.nz

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



## TE TOTARA PTA



**\*\* URGENT \*\* URGENT \*\***  
**DISCO HELPERS NEEDED!**  
**Have you ever helped out at a disco? It's a lot of fun so now's your chance!**  
**We need at least 15 helpers per session at least 10 helpers for the setup on Thursday night.**  
**Please indicate which session you can help with by accessing the online booking system,**  
**[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)**  
**Event Code: 2DRST**

### PHOTOS:

**We are also still looking for someone to take photos during the 2nd session, please email the Disco Team at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) if you can help. Thanks!**

# SCHOOL DISCO 2015

FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Congratulations to Bella (Room 25) for suggesting the Theme "In The Movies"

Time: Year 0-2 5.00pm – 6.15pm

Year 3-6 6.30pm – 8.00pm

- **Where:**

Te Totara School Hall

- **Entry:** \$2.00

- **Food:** Chips, popcorn, lollies, juice, water and fizzy drink to purchase.

- **Lights:** Flashing lights will be available to purchase.

- **Kids Artwork:** Kids have the chance to decorate some artwork for the Theme "In the Movies".

There will be prizes for each session for the best artwork - can be any shape or form.

**Please hand into the office by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

- **Photos:** If anyone could take photos on the night in either or both of the sessions please let us know ASAP.

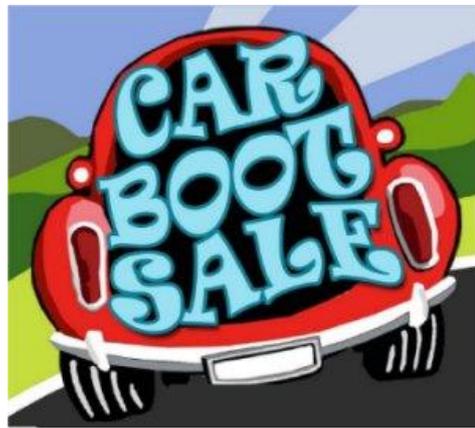
- **Decorations:** If anyone is able to help with painting an entrance way that would be amazing.

- **Prizes:** The kids love getting prizes for dancing, best dressed, their artwork etc. so we would love any prizes of any sort that you could donate, we will also promote your business on this ad and Facebook pages.

There is limited space in the hall so we encourage parents not to stay, but instead either help on the night or drop your kids off.

- **Pickup** – your child will not be able to leave the hall unless they are accompanied by an adult, so you will need to come in and pick your children up.

Any queries please email the Disco Team at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)



**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015, 8.00am – 10.30am**

**Te Totara Primary School Car Park, 31 Hector Drive.**

**(cars parked by 7.30am and leave at 10.30am)**

**Pre sales \$10 or \$15 on the day, if you have any queries, please email [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)**

## **THE CHRISTMAS HEIRLOOM COMPANY**

Due to the low ticket sales for our first Christmas heirloom company fun and social night out, we have had to postpone the evening. **We have now confirmed a new date of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

Tickets are \$10.00 each. We need a minimum number of 20 people for this night to go ahead, so please everyone get out and support your kids school PTA.

Every event we arrange is for the benefit of your children, and it's a fun way to get out for the evening, meet new people, and get into the festive spirit - Christmas is just around the corner! Please PM the Te Totara PTA facebook page or email us at [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) if you have any queries or would like to book. Thanks!



### **PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Te Totara Primary School PTA  
Account: ASB **12 3171 0277833-00**  
**Please ensure your name is used as a reference.**

### **PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK ADDRESSES:**

[tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Totara-Primary-School-PTA/30090011661692>

### **NEXT PTA MEETING**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**  
**7.30pm in the Staff Lounge**  
**Everyone is welcome**



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

We are often asked to put Community Notices in our newsletter. Due to the large number of requests, we now have a "Community Notices" section on the notice board in the School Office, where you will find more information on the notices below. Please note that this does not necessarily imply School endorsement of these notices.

### **COLLECTION FOR THE RED CROSS**

We are a shop called Best of British in the Rototuna shopping centre. We will be collecting all next week on behalf of the Red Cross to help refugee families. Contact us regarding which items we are collecting, we may be able to collect items from you! Email [leewebster@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:leewebster@hotmail.co.nz) or pop into our store.

### **ICE AGE LILLIPUTT MINI GOLF**

While we move into Spring, Winter is never over at Lilliputt's Ice Age mini golf in Centre Place Hamilton Central.

To celebrate we are offering a discounted rate of \$8 per student (usual price \$12) for 18 holes of mini golf.

[www.lilliputt.co.nz](http://www.lilliputt.co.nz) or phone 07 834 0578

### **UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT**

The research aims to compare the effects of different types of nutrition information on healthiness of food shopping choices.

Volunteers will be required to scan their food purchases for **5 weeks** using a smartphone, and can take part from anywhere in New Zealand. Study participants will receive a **\$10** Countdown voucher at week 1 and **\$80** Countdown voucher on completion. Volunteers can register for the study at our website:

<https://diet.auckland.ac.nz/content/starlight>.

The registration will be closing on the **10<sup>th</sup> of November 2015**.